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Bulldozer's Big Day

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Book Review

Title: Bulldozer’s Big Day  
Author: Candace Fleming  
Illustrator: Eric Rohmann  
Reviewer: Tessa McMillan  
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Publication Year: 2015  
ISBN: 9781481400978  
Number of Pages: 40  
Interest Level: Toddler, Preschool  
Rating: Excellent

Review

As a bright, new day begins over the city’s construction site, Bulldozer can’t wait to invite his friends to his birthday party. Excitedly he asks Digger Truck why today is so special. But Digger Truck says there is nothing special about the day except for doing his assigned work. Bulldozer’s excitement turns to disappointment as the rest of his friends don’t recognize the significance of the day as well. Just when Bulldozer thinks he will be alone on his birthday, his friends surprise him with a massive cake to celebrate Bulldozer’s big day.

A must-have for young children who love construction vehicles and equipment, Bulldozer’s Big Day is a bright picture book that will bring a smile to any reader’s face. All Bulldozer wants is to have someone realize that it is his birthday. When no one makes that realization, Bulldozer starts to give up hope. But when his friends do surprise him, readers see from the illustrations that everyone was working hard to make it a very special day for Bulldozer. There is a playful mix between Fleming’s prose and Rohmann’s block print illustrations that leads to a solid story with loveable characters. Fans of such books as Mike Mulligan and his Steam Shovel or Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site will enjoy this light-hearted children’s book.